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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY VI, BITS AND PIECES

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) COMPLETED DISCUSSION OF
SENEGALISE PROPOSAL ON EXPULSIONS IN AFRICA JULY 12. OAU
SPOKESMAN ONU SAID THAT COM GENERALLY AGREED THAT NEED
FOR AN AFRICAN CONVENTION TO REGULATE EXPULSION OF AFRICAN
ALIENS WAS HUMANITARIAN QUESTION INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS.
IT WAS AGREED THAT PROPOSAL SHOULD BE STUDIED BY
LEGAL EXPERTS WHO WOULD DRAFT CONVENTION FOR
CONSIDERATION BY OAU MEMBER STATES.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA, ONU SAID
THAT COM HAS NO MANDATE TO DISCUSS ISSUE AND THEREFORE
ALGERIA AND MOZAMBIQUE HAVE REQUESTED THAT ITEM BE
INSCRIBED ON HEADS OF STATE AGENDA. ONU THOUGHT THIS
WOULD BE DONE. AS TO ATTENDANCE BY POLISARIO, ONU
SAID THAT IF WESTERN SAHARA WAS TO BE DISCUSSED AND
PRESENCE OF POLISARIO WAS DEEMED NECESSARY BY OAU, THEN

HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR SUDANESE GOVT TO RECONSIDER ITS CURRENT POSITION OF NOT PERMITTING ENTRY TO POLISARIO.

LT BOFFONU SAID THAT REPORT ON COMORO ISLANDS ORIGINALLY ON

AGENDA WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF OAU DECISION TO EXPEL COMOROS DELEGATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CONFERENCE WAS BEHIND SCHEDULE AND THAT MIGHT NECESSITATE EVENING DRAFTING SESSIONS. ONU CONCLUDED HIS BRIEFING BY ANNOUNCING THAT PROPOSALS BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CONGO ON MILITARY INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA AND A PAN-AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BY CONGO FONMIN OBENGA EVENING JULY 12 AND COM WOULD BEGIN DEBATE ON THEM FOLLOWING MORNING.

4. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE OF COMOROS REMAINED CALM PAST 4 DAYS AND WORK HAS PROCEEDED AT STEADY, ALBEIT SLOW PACE. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF CONGOLESE PROPOSALS WILL AROUSE ONCE AGAIN, VOCIFEROUS DEBATE OF OPENING SESSIONS. BERGUS. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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